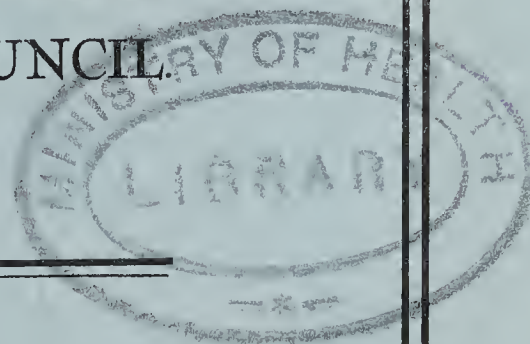


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Rural District Council of Sevenoaks.

HEALTH REPORT FOR 1925.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting my Annual Report for the year 1925, which is the third one presented by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

The estimated population of the District is 24,100, as against an estimated population of 24,130 for 1924, and of 23,780 for 1923; and an actual population of 23,861 at the time of the Census of 1921.

The Birth Rate for the District was 16.2 per thousand of estimated population, as against 18.3 for England and Wales. The corresponding figures for 1924 were 16.1 and 18.8.

The standardised Death Rate was 11.1 per thousand of population, as compared with 12.2 for England and Wales. The corresponding figures for 1924 were 11.9 and 12.2.

The Infantile Mortality Rate was 28 per thousand of registered births, as against 75 per thousand of registered births for England and Wales. This compares with figures of 25 and 75 for the year 1924.

The year under review was a satisfactory one from the point of view of incidence of Infectious Disease, and the almost complete absence of Typhoid Fever was gratifying.

I should like to place on record the valuable help given to me by Mr. Vibert, and the ungrudging and efficient work performed by Mr. Prior, Mr. Gypps, and Mr. Chalcraft.

In all other phrases of my work I am again indebted to the Council and their Officers for the help and consideration shown me.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. N. CAVE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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HEALTH REPORT.

Area and Population.—The Rural District of Sevenoaks was constituted in 1894, the District previously being a Rural Sanitary Authority of the Sevenoaks Union.

The area of the District is 63,335 acres. The District is hilly, the level above Ordnance Datum varying between 90 and 805 feet; Toys Hill being the highest point in the District and also in the County of Kent.

The population in 1921 was 23,861, and for 1925 it is estimated to be 24,100, as compared with an estimated population of 24,130 for 1924.

The rateable value of the District is £186,849, and the sum represented by a penny rate is £674.

The following Table gives the area and population of the constituent parishes of the District, as shown by the Census figures of 1901, 1911 and 1921:—

| Civil Parishes. | Area. | Population. | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Acres. | 1901 | 1911 | 1921 |
| Brasted | 4,449 | 1,304 | 1,396 | 1,326 |
| Chevening | 3,893 | 1,074 | 1,039 | 1,030 |
| Chiddingstone | 5,980 | 1,092 | 1,139 | 1,050 |
| Cowden | 3,260 | 733 | 735 | 729 |
| Dunton Green | 1,026 | 927 | 1,411 | 1,437 |
| Edenbridge | 5,239 | 2,546 | 2,993 | 2,890 |
| Halstead | 923 | 595 | 560 | 565 |
| Hever | 2,660 | 723 | 651 | 729 |
| Kemsing... .. | 1,909 | 644 | 715 | 685 |
| Leigh | 4,026 | 1,130 | 1,149 | 1,065 |
| Otford | 1,780 | 771 | 821 | 857 |
| Penshurst | 4,567 | 1,678 | 1,572 | 1,531 |
| Riverhead | 1,106 | 802 | 899 | 943 |
| Seal | 4,445 | 1,688 | 1,523 | 1,627 |
| Sevenoaks Weald | 2,439 | 833 | 872 | 913 |
| Shoreham | 5,599 | 1,515 | 1,490 | 1,509 |
| Sundridge | 4,141 | 1,724 | 2,015 | 1,810 |
| Westerham | 5,803 | 2,905 | 3,049 | 3,162 |
| Total | 63,335 | 22,684 | 24,029 | 23,861 |

Occupations by Sex.

| | MALES. | FEMALES. |
|---|--------|----------|
| Fishermen | ... | ... |
| Agricultural occupations | 2,926 | 180 |
| Mining and quarrying occupations | 89 | ... |
| Makers of coke, lime, cement, etc. | 17 | ... |
| Makers of bricks, pottery, glass | 53 | 2 |
| Workers in chemicals, paints, etc. | 26 | ... |
| Metal workers | 257 | 4 |
| Workers in precious metals | 4 | 1 |
| Electrical apparatus makers, fitters | 46 | ... |
| Makers of watches, etc. | 11 | ... |
| Workers in skins, leather goods makers | 137 | ... |
| Textile workers | 4 | 1 |
| Makers of textile goods, articles of dress | 104 | 127 |
| Makers of foods, drinks and tobacco | 115 | 5 |
| Workers in wood, etc. | 360 | 1 |
| Paper workers, printers, etc. | 48 | 24 |
| Builders, bricklayers, etc. | 492 | 1 |
| Painters and decorators | 156 | 1 |
| Workers in other materials | 5 | 3 |
| Workers in mixed and undefined materials | 25 | 1 |
| Persons in gas, water, electricity supply . . | 26 | ... |
| Transport workers | 702 | 22 |
| Commercial and financial occupations | 602 | 182 |
| Public administration and defence | 128 | 50 |
| Professional occupations | 224 | 301 |
| Persons employed in entertainments, etc. | 40 | 7 |
| Persons employed in personal service | 322 | 1,906 |
| Clerks, draughtsmen, typists, etc. | 211 | 138 |
| Warehousemen, etc. | 17 | 3 |
| Stationary engine drivers, etc. | 48 | ... |
| All other occupations | 422 | 13 |
| Total occupied | 7,617 | 2,973 |
| Unoccupied and retired | 1,150 | 7,155 |
| Total occupied and unoccupied | 8,767 | 10,128 |

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—During the year 391 Births were registered as belonging to the District, of which 190 were males and 201 were females, as against 390 last year, and 419 in 1923.

The Birth Rate for the year is equal to 16.2 per thousand of population, as against 16.1 last year, and 17.6 in 1923.

The Birth Rate in England and Wales was 18.8 and 19.7 respectively.

The number of births registered as being illegitimate was 15. This is equal to 3.8 per cent. of total births, as against 3.8 last year.

Deaths.—The number of deaths registered was 269, as against 289 last year, and 248 in 1923. This number excludes deaths of persons dying within the District whose home address is outside the District, but includes deaths which although occurring outside, belong to the District.

The Death Rate for the year is equal to 11.1 per thousand of population, as against 11.9 last year, and 10.4 in 1923.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 12.2 and 11.6 respectively.

The three diseases accounting for the highest number of deaths during the year were: Heart Disease 49, Cancer 33, and Cerebral Haemorrhage 20.

Infantile Mortality.—The number of deaths occurring in infants under one year of age was 11 (10 legitimate and one illegitimate), as against 10 last year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is equal to 28 per thousand births, as against 25 last year, and 50 in 1923.

The Rate for England and Wales was 75, 75 and 69 respectively.

DEATHS AT DIFFERENT AGES.

Deaths Between One and Five Years.—The number of deaths occurring in children between the ages of one and five years was seven. This is equal to a Death Rate of 0.29 per thousand of population.

Deaths Over 65 Years.—During the year 171 deaths were registered as occurring in persons aged 65 years and over. This gives a Death Rate of 7.1 per thousand of population, and 63 per cent. of total deaths.

Causes of Deaths.—The deaths in 1925 included:—

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|--|----|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | Pneumonia | 10 |
| Diphtheria | — | Bronchitis | 13 |
| Typhoid Fever | — | Cancer | 33 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... | 18 | Puerperal Sepsis | — |
| Other Tuberculous Diseases ... | 6 | Other diseases and accidents of pregnancy and parturition... | — |
| Measles | — | Appendicitis | 2 |
| Whooping Cough | 3 | Suicide and Violence | 5 |
| Diarrhoea, etc.(under two years) | 1 | | |
| Influenza | 14 | | |

Zymoic Death Rate.—The Zymotic Death Rate is a term commonly applied to the rate of deaths from the seven principal Zymotic complaints, viz., Smallpox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Fever (which latter term includes Typhus, Typhoid or Enteric, and Paratyphoid Fever) and Diarrhoea.

The number of deaths occurring from these complaints during the year was five, giving a Zymotic Death Rate of 0.20 per thousand of population.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.—The deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Phthisis or Consumption of the Lungs) numbered 18, giving a Death Rate of 0.74 per thousand of population.

Cancer.—The deaths from Cancer (malignant diseases) numbered 33. This gives a Death Rate of 1.37 per thousand of population.

Influenza.—Deaths from Influenza numbered 14, giving a Death Rate of 0.58 per thousand of population.

Analysis of Death Rates.

| | | All Causes. | Zymotic Disease. | Pulmonary Tuberculosis | Cancer. | Influenza. |
|------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|---------|------------|
| 1925 | Number of Deaths. | 269 | 5 | 18 | 33 | 14 |
| | Rate per 1000 of population. | 11.1 | 0.20 | 0.74 | 1.37 | 0.58 |
| 1924 | Number of Deaths. | 289 | 6 | 21 | 31 | 7 |
| | Rate per 1000 of population. | 11.9 | 0.24 | 0.87 | 1.28 | 0.29 |

Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1925.

| | BIRTH-RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULATION | ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION. | | | | | | | | RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS. | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------|------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | | All Causes. | Enteric Fever | Small-pox. | Measles. | Scarlet Fever. | Whooping Cough. | Diphtheria. | Influenza. | Violence. | Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under Two years.) | Total Deaths under One year. |
| England and Wales | 18.3 | 12.2 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.47 | 8.4 | 75 |
| 105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London | 18.8 | 12.2 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.03 | 0.18 | 0.09 | 0.30 | 0.43 | 10.8 | 79 |
| 157 Smaller Towns (1921 adjusted Populations 20,000—50,000) | 18.3 | 11.2 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 0.31 | 0.38 | 7.6 | 74 |
| London | 18.0 | 11.7 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.19 | 0.11 | 0.23 | 0.46 | 10.6 | 67 |
| Sevenoaks Rural District | 16.2 | 11.1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.58 | 0.20 | 2.6 | 28 |

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following Table shows the number of notifications received and the removals to Hospital, together with the number of deaths registered:—

| Disease. | Total cases notified. | Cases admitted to Hospital. | Total Deaths. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 60 | 58 | 1 |
| Diphtheria | 7 | 7 | — |
| Typhoid Fever | 1 | 1 | — |
| Erysipelas | 13 | 1 | — |
| Pneumonia | 8 | — | 10 |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... | 3 | — | — |
| Malaria | 1 | — | — |
| TOTAL | 93 | 67 | 11 |

The monthly incidence of Infectious Disease is shown in the following Table:—

| Disease. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Scarlet Fever. | 7 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 60 |
| Diphtheria. | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Typhoid Fever. | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Erysipelas. | 2 | ... | 3 | ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 13 |
| Pneumonia. | ... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 8 |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 |
| Malaria. | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| TOTALS. | 10 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 93 |

The following Table shows the number of cases notified each year for the past six years:—

| | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Scarlet Fever | 12 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 25 | 60 |
| Diphtheria | 31 | 39 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 7 |
| Enteric Fever | 2 | — | 1 | 2 | 29 | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 6 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 13 |
| Puerperal Fever | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pneumonia | 1 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | — | 1 | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| Cerebro-spinal Fever ... | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Dysentery... .. | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Malaria | 5 | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Chicken Pox | — | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| TOTALS | 62 | 68 | 37 | 50 | 81 | 93 |

The notifiable Infectious Diseases fall into the following age groups:—

| Number of cases. | 0-1 | 1-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over. |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| 93 | 4 | 12 | 23 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 6 |

Scarlet Fever.—A somewhat large increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified took place, viz., 60 as against 25 last year.

Fifty-eight patients were removed to the Isolation Hospitals.

One death occurred from this disease during the year.

The age incidence was as follows:—

| Number of cases. | 0-1 | 1-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over. |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| 60 | 1 | 12 | 20 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | — |

The monthly incidence is shown by the following Table:—

| Total number of cases. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Aprl. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 60 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Diphtheria.—A decrease in the number of cases of Diphtheria occurred, there being seven cases notified, as against 11 last year.

All the cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital, and in no case did the disease end fatally.

During the year 141 bacteriological examinations were made from cases and suspicious cases, and in 34 instances the swab proved positive.

The age incidence in this disease was as follows:—

| Number of cases. | 0-1 | 1-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over. |
|------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| 7 | — | — | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — |

The monthly incidence is shown by the following Table:—

| Total number of cases. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Aprl. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 7 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — |

Typhoid Fever.—Only one case of Typhoid Fever was notified, this being a Para-typhoid B. The patient was removed to Hospital.

Erysipelas.—Thirteen cases were notified, as against two last year.

Pneumonia.—Eight cases were notified, as against seven last year.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—During the year three cases were notified. This is the same number as in the previous year.

Encephalitis Lethargica.—No case was notified.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever.—No case was notified.

Puerperal Fever.—A noteworthy feature is the absence of Puerperal Fever, no case having occurred since 1920.

Tuberculosis.—During the year 39 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified, 23 of which were Pulmonary and 16 were other forms of Tuberculosis.

Treatment for Tuberculosis is carried out by the County Council through the agency of their Tuberculosis Officers.

During the year 39 bacteriological examinations of sputum have been made, and in 10 instances a positive result was obtained.

During the year the following number of persons have received treatment:—

| | |
|---|----|
| Number receiving sanatorium treatment ... | 11 |
| Number receiving dispensary treatment ... | 13 |
| Number receiving dispensary supervision ... | 24 |

| Age Periods. Years. | New Cases. | | | | Deaths. | | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| | Pulmonary. | | Non Pulmonary. | | Pulmonary. | | Non- Pulmonary. | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Under 1 year ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| 1 and under 5 ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 5 ,, 10 ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| 10 ,, 15 ... | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 15 ,, 20 ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... |
| 20 ,, 25 ... | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... |
| 25 ,, 35 ... | 2 | 4 | 3 | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | 1 |
| 35 ,, 45 ... | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | ... |
| 45 ,, 55 ... | 3 | 2 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | 1 |
| 55 ,, 65 ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 65 and upwards ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| TOTALS ... | 12 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 4 |

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1924.

The above Regulations came into force on the 1st January, 1925, requiring, inter alia, that a quarterly return* should be made to the County Medical Officer of Health of all cases of Tuberculosis, whether pulmonary or non-pulmonary, on the register at the end of each quarter.

Existing cases in the event of cure, removal from the District, or death, are deleted from the register, and new notifications added on as received.

Subjoined are the figures on the register at the end of each quarter of 1925:—

| | | Pulmonary. | | | Non-Pulmonary. | | |
|----------------|-----|------------|----|--------|----------------|----|--------|
| | | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. |
| 31st March | ... | 47 | 41 | 88 | 17 | 15 | 32 |
| 30th June | ... | 46 | 41 | 87 | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| 30th September | ... | 41 | 47 | 88 | 20 | 21 | 41 |
| 31st December | ... | 43 | 47 | 90 | 21 | 20 | 41 |

NON-NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Measles.—No death occurred from Measles during 1925.

Whooping Cough.—Three deaths occurred from Whooping Cough during the year.

Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under two years).—One death occurred.

Cancer.—Thirty-three deaths occurred from Cancer, 17 males and 16 females. This is equal to 12.2 of total deaths, and 1.37 per thousand of population.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

The District is served by two Isolation Hospitals, the one for the Northern District being situated at Otford, and the other, which serves the Southern District, is situated at Hever.

The North Isolation Hospital receives cases of Infectious Disease from the Parishes of Brasted, Chevening, Dunton Green, Halstead, Kemsing, Otford, Riverhead, Seal, Sevenoaks Weald, Shoreham, Sundridge and Westerham.

The Hospital was erected in 1907 on a site at Otford five acres in extent. It consists of two ward blocks with

accommodation for six beds in each, together with Administration and Laundry Blocks. A Humphrey's Iron Building was erected in 1915 to accommodate 12 cases.

The staff consists of:—

| | | |
|----------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1 Matron | 4 Maids | 1 Assistant Gardener |
| 2 Staff Nurses | 1 Gardener | |

The Medical Superintendent is Dr. J. Sterry.

Meetings are held at the Hospital quarterly and when required.

The South Isolation Hospital receives patients from the Parishes of Chiddingstone, Cowden, Edenbridge, Hever, Leigh and Penshurst.

The Hospital was erected in 1901, and is under the control of a Joint Hospital Committee for those Parishes under the Isolation Hospitals Acts, 1893 to 1901. The permanent accommodation is similar to the Northern Hospital.

The resident staff consists of:—

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Matron. | 1 Superintendent. |
| Temporary Nurses as required. | |

Meetings of the Committee are held quarterly.

The Medical Superintendent is Dr. C. W. H. Newington, and the Clerk, Mr. J. H. Shurrock.

The admissions to the two Isolation Hospitals were as follows:—

| Disease. | No. admitted to Otford. | No. admitted to Hever. |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 33 | 23 |
| Diphtheria | 6 | 1 |
| Typhoid Fever | 0 | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 40 | 26 |

LABORATORY WORK.

The examination of bacteriological specimens is carried out at the Kent County Laboratory, Maidstone, and during the year the following work was done:—

| | Total. | Positive. | Negative. |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of Swabs examined for the Diphtheria bacillus | 141 | 34 | 107 |
| Number of Sputa examined for the Tubercle bacillus | 39 | 10 | 29 |
| Number of specimens of blood examined for the Widal reaction | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Water specimens | 11 | — | — |
| Sewage effluent | 1 | — | — |

DRAINAGE.

The Darenth Valley Main Sewerage Board was formed under the Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1878, of Sevenoaks Rural and Urban Councils and Dartford, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a trunk sewer through the Valley of the River Darenth from Westerham to Dartford, from which point the sewage is conveyed through the sewers of the Urban District Council of Dartford and the West Kent Main Sewerage Board to the Outfall Works of the latter Authority at Longreach. The District consists of those parts of the respective Districts lying between the Northern and Southern boundaries of the Darenth Watershed.

Parishes.—Brasted, Chevening, Dunton Green, Halstead, Kemsing, Otford, Riverhead, Shoreham, Sundridge, Seal, and Westerham.

The main Darenth Valley Sewer commences at Westerham and runs through the valley of the Northern Area, and continues through the Dartford Rural District.

With the exception of the Parish of Halstead, all the populous parts of the other parishes are sewered and are connected to the main Darenth Valley Sewer.

The Parish of Halsted and the outlying parts of other parishes where the Council have no sewers, cesspools are in use. These are emptied by the owners or occupiers and the contents buried or used for manurial purposes.

DRAINAGE—SOUTHERN AREA.

Chiddingstone.—The greater portion of this parish is on the pail closet system; the remainder have cesspool accommodation.

Cowden.—Although the larger portion of this parish have pail closets, a certain number have cesspool accommodation.

Edenbridge.—The Edenbridge Main Sewer runs through the parish, and the houses adjoining are drained into this sewer. Only a few outlying houses are drained into cesspools.

Hever.—Cesspool accommodation universal in this village, with the exception of the hamlet of Four Elms, which is drained into the Council's outfall works in the village.

Leigh.—The Council's sewer runs through the village, and with the exception of a few outlying houses, which have cesspools, all premises are connected to the sewer.

Penshurst.—Practically all houses connected to the sewer, a few outlying houses having cesspools.

Weald.—Generally on the cesspool system. Fourteen of the Council's houses have a Tuke and Bells sewage purification plant.

Type of Closet Accommodation.—At the end of the year there were approximately 520 privies, 212 pail closets, and 1,437 cesspools in the District. During the year four privies were connected to the water carriage system.

WATER SUPPLY.

Brasted.—The Metropolitan Water Board's mains are available throughout the greater part of the parish, the hamlet of Toy's Hill being dependent upon a local well.

Chevening.—The Sevenoaks Water Company supplies in bulk to the Rural District Council mains. A few wells are still in existence in the scattered portions of the parish.

Chiddingstone.—The village derives its water from wells, but a portion known as the Causeway is supplied from the Penshurst Water Works, which are under the jurisdiction of the Rural District Council.

Cowden.—The Limpsfield and Oxted Water Companies' mains are available.

Dunton Green.—The Sevenoaks Water Company supplies in bulk to the Rural District Council mains.

Edenbridge.—The Limpsfield and Oxted Water Companies' mains supply the parish.

Hever.—A greater portion of the village is supplied through the main from the private reservoir on the Hon. J. J. Astor's Estate, but the hamlet of Four Elms is supplied from the mains of the Limpsfield and Oxted Water Company.

Halstead.—The Metropolitan Water Board's mains are available throughout the parish.

Kemsing.—The Mid-Kent Water Company's mains supply the parish.

Leigh.—The Tonbridge Water Company's mains are available in the village, but the detached portions, the Compasses and Charcott, are supplied through the Penshurst Water Works main.

Otford.—As in Chevening and Dunton Green.

Penshurst.—The Penshurst Water Works, under the jurisdiction of the Rural District Council, supply the parish.

Riverhead.—As in Chevening and Dunton Green.

Seal.—A supply is available from the mains of the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Companies.

Shoreham.—The Metropolitan Water Board's and Mid-Kent Water mains are available throughout the parish.

Sundridge.—The Metropolitan Water Board's mains supply the parish.

Westerham.—The Metropolitan Water Board's and the Limpsfield and Oxted Water Company's mains are available throughout the parish.

Weald.—The Sevenoaks Water Company's supply is available throughout the parish.

Analysis of Two Samples of the Water from the Supply of the Limpsfield and Oxted Water Company.

A—From No. 2 borehole Westwood. B—From No. 3 well, Painshill.
(All results in parts per 100,000)

| | A | B |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total Solids | 19 | 15 |
| Chlorine in Chlorides | 1·9 | 2·2 |
| Nitrogen in Nitrates | 0·0 | 0·4 |
| Nitrites | absent | absent |
| Free Ammonia | 0·0000 | 0·0000 |
| Albuminocal Ammonia | 0·000 | 0·000 |
| Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37 °c | 0·000 | 0·000 |
| Hardness } Permanent | 3 | 2 |
| } Temporary | 10 | 6 |
| } Total | 13 | 8 |

The results of the analysis show that these waters are of the very highest degree of purity, and the hardness is quite moderate.

HOUSE REFUSE REMOVAL.

Northern Area.

Brasted.—A weekly collection is made in the main village, under contract with the Council. A dump is provided for the residents at the Chart, Brasted, which is removed by contractor once per month. Place of disposal—Dunton Green Brickfields.

Chevening.—Weekly collection under contract with the Council in most populous parts of the parish. Place of disposal—Dunton Green Brickfields.

Dunton Green.—Same as Chevening.

Riverhead.—Ditto.

Shoreham.—Ditto.

Sundridge.—Weekly collection in the main village. (This is a joint contract with Brasted.)

Seal.—Weekly collection in the main village. Place of disposal—Kemsing Brickfields.

Halstead, Kemsing and Otford.—No systematic collection in force, the occupiers burying the refuse in gardens, etc.

Westerham.—Weekly collection under contract in the main village. Place of disposal—Westerham Brickfields.

Southern Area.

Chiddingstone.—No systematic collection in force, the occupiers burying their refuse in gardens.

Cowden.—No collection in force. Refuse buried in gardens by occupiers.

Edenbridge.—The house refuse is collected weekly by contract. The refuse is deposited in a pit about half a mile distant from the town.

Hever.—Refuse buried in gardens by occupiers.

Leigh.—No systematic collection made, but occupiers are permitted to deposit refuse on a disused portion of land on the West side of the village.

Penshurst.—No systematic collection. Refuse buried in gardens.

Weald.—Occupiers bury refuse in gardens, there being no systematic collection.

HOUSING, Etc.

There is considerable need in the District for more houses, both to provide additional accommodation for persons living in overcrowded conditions in existing houses, and also to provide accommodation for those living under unsatisfactory conditions which cannot be dealt with for the moment owing to the difficulty of finding alternative accommodation.

Immediate steps are contemplated by the Council to afford as far as possible relief in this respect.

Housing Statistics for the Year.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

| | |
|---|-----|
| (a) Total, including numbers given separately under | |
| (b) | 111 |
| (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts: | |
| (i) By the Local Authority | Nil |
| (ii) By other bodies or persons | 42 |

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses.

Inspection.

| | |
|---|-----|
| (1) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 214 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925 | 86 |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state | |

| | |
|--|-----|
| so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 1 |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 203 |
| 2.—Remedy of Defects Without Service of Formal Notices. | |
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of the Local Authority or their Officers | 203 |
| 3.—Action Under Statutory Powers. | |
| A.—Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 : | |
| (1) Number of dwelling houses of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice : | |
| (a) By owners | Nil |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close | Nil |
| B.—Proceedings under the Public Health Acts : | |
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 2 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices : | |
| (a) By owners | 2 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |
| C.—Proceedings under Sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925 : | |
| (1) Number of representations made with view to making of a Closing Order | 1 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 1 |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling house having been rendered fit | Nil |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses in which Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (5) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil |

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The County Council carries out the work in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare for this District.

The Health Visitors working in this area are:

Chiddingstone (Bough Beech), Hever (Four Elms), Westerham (Crockham Hill)—Miss Workman.

Brasted, Chevening, Halstead, Otford (West of Otford-Swanley Line), Riverhead, Sundridge, Westerham (less Crockham Hill)—Miss Watt.

Dunton Green, Kemsing, Otford (East of Otford-Swanley Line), Seal—Miss Dugger.

Remaining Parishes—District Nurses working for the Kent County Nursing Association.

Centres.—Another Centre has been established for this area and is situate at Edenbridge.

The four Centres which are now in operation are as follows:—

Westerham.—Homemead. Sessions held each Thursday at 2.30 p.m. Dr. W. Robertson is the Medical Officer in charge and attends fortnightly. The Nurse attached to this Centre is Nurse Woods (District Nurse). The average attendance per session is 13.

Brasted and Sundridge.—Parish Room, Sundridge. Sessions held on the first and third Tuesdays in each month at 3.30 p.m. The Medical Officer is Dr. F. Alexander, who attends monthly. Miss Watt, County Health Visitor, is the Nurse in charge. The average attendance per session is 24.

Stone Street.—Near Post Office. This is a Voluntary Centre, and sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays in each month at 2.30 p.m. There is no Medical Officer attached to this Centre. The average attendance per session is 10.

Edenbridge.—Church House. Voluntary Centre. Sessions held on the first Friday in each month at 2.0 p.m. The average attendance per session is 14.

SCHOOLS.

There are 30 Elementary Schools in the District.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The County Council carry out the duties of Medical Inspection of school children.

Closure of Schools.—In no instance was it found necessary to close a school in consequence of the prevalence of Infectious Disease amongst the scholars.

The following Tables show the sanitary accommodation and water supply of schools:—

Sanitary Accommodation and Water Supply of Schools.
NORTHERN AREA.

| School | Parish | Sanitary Condition | Water Supply |
|------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Hosey, Boys ... | Westerham ... | Water carriage system and flushes to main sewer | Metropolitan Water Board, main supply |
| Westerham, Girls | Ditto. ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Brasted, Mixed | Brasted ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Sundridge ... | Sundridge ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Ide Hill ... | Ditto. ... | Water carriage system, automatically flushed draining into cesspool | Ditto. |
| Chipsted ... | Chevening ... | Water carriage system and flushes to main sewer | Sevenoaks Water Company, main supply |
| Riverhead ... | Riverhead ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Dunton Green | Dunton Green | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Otford ... | Otford ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Shoreham ... | Shoreham ... | Ditto. | Metropolitan Water Board, main supply |
| Kemsing ... | Kemsing ... | Ditto. | Mid-Kent Water Compy., main supply |
| Seal ... | Seal ... | Water carriage system and flushes and trough system | Sevenoaks Water Compy., main supply |
| St. Lawrence ... | Seal ... | Pail Closets | Ditto. |
| Halstead ... | Halstead ... | Water carriage system and flushes to cesspools | Metropolitan Water Board, main supply |

Sanitary Accommodation and Water Supply of Schools.

SOUTHERN AREA.

| School | Parish | Sanitary Condition. | Water Supply |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Eden Bridge Council Schools | Eden Bridge | Water Closets and flushing cisterns, discharging into sewer ... | Main supply, Oxted and Limpsfield Water Co. |
| Eden Bridge Church Schools | Ditto. ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Eden Bridge Mixed Infants | Ditto. ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Weald ... | Weald ... | Water carriage system automatically flushed discharging into cesspool | Main supply, Sevenoaks Water Co. |
| Penshurst ... | Penshurst ... | Water carriage system automatically flushed discharging into sewer | Main supply, Penshurst Water Works |
| Leigh ... | Leigh ... | Ditto. | Main supply, Tonbridge Water Co. |
| Hever ... | Hever ... | Water carriage system automatically flushed discharging into cesspool | Main supply, Oxted and Limpsfield Water Co. |
| Chiddingstone Causeway ... | Chiddingstone | Ditto. | Main supply, Penshurst Water Works |
| Chiddingstone Village ... | Chiddingstone | Water Closets, hand flushed, discharging into cesspool ... | Obtained from well situate in School grounds |
| Crockham Hill | Westerham ... | Water Clossts and flushing cisterns discharging into cesspool ... | Main supply, Oxted and Limpsfield Water Co. |
| Underriver ... | Seal ... | Ditto. | Main supply, local water supply |
| Marsh Green ... | Eden Bridge | Privy System | Main supply, Oxted and Limpsfield Water Co. |
| Cowden ... | Cowden ... | Pail Closet system ... | Ditto. |
| Mark Becch ... | Ditto. ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Four Elms ... | Hever ... | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| Chiddingstone Hoath ... | Chiddingstone | Ditto. | Obtained from spring about 300 yds. distant |

REGULATED TRADES.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.—There are 206 premises registered, which is 15 more than last year; 364 visits of inspection have been paid, and in 80 instances defects were discovered, and in every case these have been remedied.

Slaughterhouses.—There are 27 Slaughterhouses within the District, this being three more than the previous year. Nineteen Slaughterhouses are registered, and eight are licensed.

During the year 1,000 visits of inspection have been paid, and in 11 instances defects were found. These have all since been remedied.

The following shows the number of Slaughterhouses in use at the undermentioned dates:

| | | In 1920. | | In January, 1925. | | In December, 1925. |
|------------|-----|----------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Registered | ... | 21 | ... | 19 | ... | 19 |
| Licensed | ... | 5 | ... | 7 | ... | 8 |
| | | — | | — | | — |
| Total | ... | 26 | ... | 26 | ... | 27 |

Bakehouses.—There are 27 Bakehouses within the District, which is three less than the previous year, to which 89 visits have been paid. Ten defects were discovered, which have since been remedied.

Piggeries.—There are four Piggeries. Visits of inspection have been paid, and on no occasion was any nuisance found.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

These Regulations came into force on the 1st April, 1925.

The work involved by the provisions of this Order was undertaken by the Sanitary Inspectors.

During the period from the 1st April until the 31st December, the following number of animals have been killed for human food in the Slaughterhouses of the District:—

| | | | |
|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| Beasts. | Pigs. | Sheep. | Calves. |
| 705 | 2,864 | 2,426 | 611 |

Inspections were made of the carcasses of:—

| | | | |
|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| Beasts. | Pigs. | Sheep. | Calves. |
| 506 | 1,957 | 1,680 | 422 |

In all, 5 tons 11 cwt. 25 lbs. of meat were found unfit for human consumption.

I should like to express my appreciation of the assiduous and efficient work performed by Mr. Gypps and Mr. Chalcraft in connection with these Regulations.

So far the outstanding feature of the working of the Regulations would appear to be the opportunity afforded for the due inspection of the carcasses of all animals slaughtered for human food.

SALE OF FOODS AND DRUGS ACTS.

The Kent County Council carries out the administration of the Sale of Foods and Drugs Acts in this District.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

It will be seen from the subjoined list that there are now 37 Factories and 120 Workshops and Workplaces on the register.

All these are periodically visited and inspected, and due attention has been paid in maintaining them in such a condition as to comply with the requirements of the Act.

During the year 198 visits of inspection were paid, and in 19 instances nuisances or irregularities were found.

| | Factories. | Workshops. |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Dressmakers and Tailors | ... | 31 |
| Laundries | 2 | 14 |
| Builders, etc. | 2 | 15 |
| Motor Repairers | 7 | 9 |
| Millers | 4 | ... |
| Brickworks | 4 | ... |
| Whitening Works | 1 | ... |
| Shoeing Smiths, etc. | ... | 12 |
| Timber Saw Mills | 4 | ... |
| Wheelwrights and Coachbuilders | ... | 3 |
| Boot Repairers | 1 | 4 |
| Agricultural Engineers | 1 | ... |
| Paper Mills | 1 | ... |
| Printing Works | 2 | ... |
| Cabinet Makers | ... | 2 |
| Creamery Works | 1 | ... |
| Gas Works | 2 | ... |
| Tannery | 1 | ... |
| Gunpowder Works | 1 | ... |
| Cricket Bat and Ball Makers | ... | 1 |
| Harness Making | ... | 2 |
| Bakehouses | 3 | 27 |
| TOTAL | 37 | 120 |

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.
Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

| PREMISES. | Number of | | |
|--|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| | Inspections | Written Notices. | Prosecutions. |
| FACTORIES ... (Including Factory Laundries) | 30 | 2 | Nil |
| WORKSHOPS ... (Including Workshop Laundries) | 168 | ... | Nil |
| WORKPLACES ... (Other than Out-workers' premises) | ... | ... | Nil |
| TOTAL ... | 198 | 2 | Nil |

2.—Defects Found in Factories, Workshops, and Workplaces.

| PARTICULARS. | Number of Defects. | | | No. of Prosecutions. |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | Found. | Remedied. | Referred to H.M. Inspector. | |
| <i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—*</i> | | | | |
| Want of cleanliness | 14 | 14 | Nil | Nil |
| Want of ventilation | — | — | — | — |
| Overcrowding | — | — | — | — |
| Want of drainage of floors | — | — | — | — |
| Other nuisances | 3 | 3 | — | — |
| Sanitary accommodation { | insufficient ... | 1 | 1 | — |
| | unsuitable or defective | 1 | 1 | — |
| | not separate for sexes | — | — | — |
| <i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts—</i> | | | | |
| Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (s. 101) | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections men- tioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921) | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 19 | 19 | — | — |

* Including those specified in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

GENERAL.

Legal Proceedings.—A summons was issued under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, but the nuisance was immediately abated, and the summons was withdrawn on payment of the costs.

Water Courses.—The principal streams passing through this District are the Medway, the Eden, and the Darent. All these are kept under supervision.

Ambulance Facilities.—For Infectious Cases: A motor ambulance has now been provided, and is kept at Otford Isolation Hospital. This is available for the removal to Hospital of all cases of Infectious Disease occurring within the District, and thus serves both Otford and Hever Isolation Hospitals. For Accident and General Cases: At present there is no ambulance available for General or Accident Cases.

Nursing Facilities.—The various parishes are served by District Nurses working under the control of local District Associations affiliated to the Kent County Nursing Association.

Midwives Act.—The supervision of Midwives is under the control of the County Council. There are 13 Midwives practising within the District, of whom 12 are trained and one is a bona fide Midwife. Two Midwives receive subsidies from the County.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, Etc.

The following adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, etc., are in force within this District:—

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890, not in force, but Part III. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (as far as it applies to Rural Districts), was adopted in January, 1903.

Bye-laws with respect to tents, vans, sheds and similar structures, used for human habitation, were adopted on the 21st July, 1910, and allowed by the Local Government Board on the 16th September, 1910.

Regulations as to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops were adopted on the 7th February, 1907, and came into force on the 1st April, 1907.

Bye-laws with respect to lodgings and accommodation of persons employed in hop-picking and fruit-picking were adopted on the 11th November, 1909, and allowed by the Local Government Board on the 10th January, 1910.

Bye-laws as to new buildings were adopted on the 30th January, 1913, and allowed by the Local Government Board on the 1st April, 1913.

APPENDIX.

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Area (acres) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63,335 |
| Population, 1925 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24,100 |
| Number of inhabited houses, 1921 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,576 |
| Number of families or separate occupiers, 1921 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,669 |
| Rateable Value | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £186,849 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £674 |

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

| | Total. | Males. | Females. | |
|--|--------|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| Births—Legitimate | 376 | 183 | 193 | |
| Illegitimate | 15 | 7 | 8 | Birth Rate 16.2 |
| Deaths | 269 | | | Death Rate 11.1 |
| Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child-birth: | | | | |
| From sepsis | | | nil | |
| From other causes | | | nil | |
| Deaths of infants under one year of age per thousand births: | | | | |
| Legitimate 26, Illegitimate 2, total | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) | ... | ... | ... | nil |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years) | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

TABLE I.
Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1925.

| Disease. | NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cases removed to Hospital. | Deaths. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| | At all Ages. | at—ages—years. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Under 1 | 1 to 2 | 2 to 3 | 3 to 4 | 4 to 5 | 5 to 10 | 10 to 15 | 15 to 20 | 20 to 35 | 35 to 45 | 45 to 65 | 65 and over | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | |
| Diphtheria ... | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Enteric Fever | †1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Erysipelas ... | 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | ... | ... | |
| Pneumonia... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | 10 | |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 3 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Malaria ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| TOTALS ... | 93 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 23 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 6 | ... | 11 | |

† The case entered above as Enteric Fever was Para-typhoid "B."

TABLE II.
Deaths registered during the year 1925.

| Disease. | Males. | Female. | Total. |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Enteric Fever | ... | ... | ... |
| Small Pox | ... | ... | ... |
| Measles | ... | ... | ... |
| Scarlet Fever... .. | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Whooping Cough | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... |
| Influenza | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | 1 | ... | 1 |
| Meningococcal Meningitis | ... | ... | ... |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory system | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Other tuberculous diseases ... | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Cancer, malignant disease | 17 | 16 | 33 |
| Rheumatic Fever | ... | ... | ... |
| Diabetes | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc. | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| Heart disease... .. | 25 | 24 | 49 |
| Arterio Sclerosis | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Bronchitis | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Pneumonia, all forms | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Other respiratory diseases | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ... | 1 | ... | 1 |
| Diarrhœa, etc. (under two years) ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Appendicitis and typhilitis | ... | 2 | 2 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver | 1 | ... | 1 |
| Acute and chronic nephritis | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Puerperal sepsis | ... | ... | ... |
| Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Congenital debility, malformation, premature birth | 3 | ... | 3 |
| Suicide | ... | ... | ... |
| Other deaths from violence... .. | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Other defined diseases | 32 | 36 | 68 |
| Causes ill-defined or unknown ... | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 139 | 130 | 269 |

Sevenoaks Rural District.

(NORTHERN AREA.)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Sir,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1925, as follows:—

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 109 on the register, including 11 Bakehouses; 77 inspections were made, seven defects discovered, and these were remedied.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

There are 87 names on the register, and 179 inspections were made; 20 defects were discovered and dealt with, and progress continues to be made with a view to producing clean milk.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT SHOPS.

There are 13 names on the register, and there are nine Meat Shops; 707 visits were made, and only six defects were found. One licence was issued during the year. The above have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition, especially since the Public Health Meat Regulations came into force on April 1st. The amount of unsound meat surrendered and destroyed during the year was 2 tone 5 cwts. 17 lbs.

SCAVENGING.

House refuse is cleared weekly in all parishes with the exception of Halstead, Kemsing and Otford. Refuse is disposed of at the various brickyards in the area, and 71 visits were made in connection with this.

Twenty-three houses were inspected under the Public Health Act, 1875, and 51 under the Housing Act, 1909. Where repairs and improvements were required informal notices were served and were complied with.

HOP AND FRUIT PICKERS' SHELTERS.

Forty-one visits were made to the above. Sixteen informal notices to cleanse and provide sanitary accommodation, and five statutory notices were served. These were all complied with, and no cases of infectious diseases occurred amongst the pickers during the season.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

One hundred and thirty-six visits were made in connection with the above. During the year 40 cases were admitted to Otford Hospital, as follows: Scarlet Fever 33, Diphtheria 6, Erysipelas 1. Forty-five rooms were fumigated and cleansed following the removal of patients.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE
DURING THE YEAR.

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Factories and Workshops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77 |
| Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 179 |
| Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 716 |
| Scavenging and Fruit Pickers' Shelters | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 112 |
| Housing | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 124 |
| Infectious Diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 136 |
| Nuisances and other visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 187 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> 1,531 <hr/> |
| Statutory Notices served | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Informal | „ | „ | ... | ... | ... | 276 |

One Closing Order was made during the year, and permission was granted by the Council for the use of the building as a store, in place of the usual Demolition Order being made.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. GYPPE,
Sanitary Inspector.

Sevenoaks Rural District Council.

“Inglewood,”

Oak Hill Road,
Sevenoaks.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit my third Annual Report for the Southern Area of the Sevenoaks Rural District during the year 1925, which is as follows:—

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

There are 119 names on the register; 100 are Wholesale Purveyors, and the remaining 19, Retail Purveyors.

One hundred and eighty-five visits were made and 60 informal notices were served in respect to cleansing, drainage, ventilating and lighting, etc. All these were complied with.

NUISANCES.

The number of nuisances discovered (not including structural defects under the Housing Acts) were 150. All these were abated following informal action.

HOUSING.

Ninety houses were inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts. Informal notices were served where necessary, and repairs carried out.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 16 Factories and 60 Workshops, including 16 Bakehouses, making a total of 76. It was found necessary to serve 12 notices in respect of cleansing, etc., during the year. These were complied with.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Forty-nine visits were made to cases of Infectious Disease during the year, 67 fumigations were carried out, and two batches of clothing were removed for steam disinfection.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Four samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for chemical analysis. Four houses were connected up to the main water supply.

SCAVENGING.

The regular system of dust collection at Edenbridge has been carried out very satisfactorily during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT SHOPS.

There are 14 names on the register, 11 of which are registered and three licensed, and there are four Meat Shops in the District. Six hundred and thirty-three visits were made during the year, and seven notices were served relating to cleansing and accumulations. These were complied with.

The general condition of slaughterhouses are satisfactory, and better facilities are afforded for the inspection of meat since the passing of the Public Health Meat Regulations.

UNSOUND FOOD.

8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. of meat were surrendered and destroyed during the year, as being unfit for human consumption.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

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| Inspection of Dwelling Houses (housing inspections) ... | 90 |
| „ „ Factories and Workshops | 76 |
| „ „ Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops | 633 |
| „ „ Dairies and Cowsheds | 185 |
| Visits to Nuisances | 150 |
| Reinspection of work for abatement of nuisances, etc. ... | 143 |
| Visits to infected houses | 68 |
| Fumigations after Notifiable Disease | 49 |
| Visits in connection with Scavenging | 22 |
| „ „ „ Water Supplies | 5 |
| Other inspections | 17 |
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NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Informal Notices (written) | 195 |
| Statutory Notices | 1 |

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM CHALCRAFT.

